CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication:	q sasha (99pics).jpg
Other known title(s):	Not stated
OFLC ref:	1600784.013
Medium:	Computer Image File
Publisher:	Not stated
Country of origin:	Not stated
Language:	Not applicable
Applicant:	Secretary for Internal Affairs
Classification:	Objectionable.
Descriptive note:	None
Display conditions:	None
Date of entry in Register:	30 November 2016
Date of direction to issue a label:	No direction to issue a label has been issued
Date of notice of decision:	30 November 2016

Summary of reasons for decision:

The computer image file is deemed to be objectionable under s3(2)(a) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 because it promotes and supports the exploitation of children or young persons for sexual purposes. The image is a sexualised photograph of a boy. The only purpose of the image is sexual arousal. The continued availability of such material encourages the creation or reinforcement of a sexual interest in children or young people and perpetuates their sexual exploitation. The classification of this publication limits the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention and is a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression. The classification reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to protect its young and vulnerable members from sexual exploitation.